Walking is the most often repeated word picture in the New Testament to describe the Christian life. What is implied by this word picture?

Are you moving forward or backward?

Are you moving at a sustainable pace? Too fast? Too slow?

Do you have proper balance?

God is calling us to walk worthy. In what ways did you hear God calling you forward recent days? What is He calling you do that you have not been doing? What is He calling you to stop doing that you have been doing?

#### Walking in unity requires personal convictions. (1-3)

#### 1. I will welcome without judgment.

Is it difficult for you to move toward people who are different than you?

Humility is demonstrated by acknowledging need and confessing sin. How often are these evident in your life. How does humility prevent judgmental attitudes toward others?

Gentleness refines anything in me that communicate harshness? Has anyone ever told you that you are harsh, rude or controlling?

Why are pride and harshness not worthy of the gospel?

### 2. I will forgive without limit.

Patience is a willingness to endure pain while waiting on God to change others or change me. What pain are you enduring in relationships right now. What is the change that your are patiently waiting to see?

Forbearance covers the faults of others with love without striking back. Is forbearance a characteristic of your relationships?

Forgiveness is the decision to release someone from the obligation that resulted when they injured me. Who do you need to forgive?

Why is unforgiveness not worthy of the gospel?

# 3. I will love without condition.

Who is the person current in your life this is the hardest for you to love? Why?

Why is conditional love unworthy of the gospel?

Have you seen the movie, *The Resurrection of Gavin Stone*? How did you see the above statements evident in the movie?

# Walking in unity requires shared convictions. (4-6)

## 1. We belong to one <u>body</u>.

Why are people hesitant to become members of a local church?

## 2. We are led by one Spirit.

Do you listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit?

## 3. We are confident in one <u>hope</u>.

What other things do people put their hope in?

# 4. We are following one <u>Lord</u>.

Can you call Jesus Lord without surrounding your will to him?

### 5. We are convinced of faith.

What areas of doctrine are the hardest for you to believe? Why?

# 6. We profess our faith through one baptism.

Have you been baptized? What is so unifying about baptism for a church body?

# 7. We worship one <u>God</u>.

How do we turn good things into "god things"?

# Additional Scripture

- Psalm 133
- Matthew 18:21-35
- Romans 6:4
- Galatians 5:16

- Hebrews 3:15 James 4:1-6
- 1John 4:7-11

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